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Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Sir: Letters Patent:

Applicant

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Title

GRIPPER DEVICE IN A SHEET-PROCESSING MACHINE AND

SHEET-PROCESSING MACHINE HAVING A GRIPPER DEVICE

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